

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## EWF Constitution Extract

**8.4** The Congress is composed of the delegations of the Member Federations. Only the Member Federations that have paid the Membership Fees for the current year and have no arrears may participate and vote at EWF Congress. Each member may be represented by two (2) delegates but is entitled only to one (1) vote. The delegates must be citizens of the country of the Member Federation they represent. Delegates must be of good standing and be able to demonstrate compliance with the IWF Code of Ethics.

**8.14** During the Olympic Games Year, the EWF shall hold elections. The Electoral Congress shall be held prior to the European Senior Championships in that year.

**8.17** Deadlines to be counted from the day of the EWF Congress and General Congress:

- Ninety (90) days prior: EWF shall send invitations to the Member Federations, the Executive Board and Committees.
- Sixty (60) days prior: Member Federations and Officers shall send to the EWF proposal for inclusion on the Agenda. No item submitted after that time be included in the agenda.
- Thirty (30) days prior: EWF shall send to the Member Federations and the Officers the Agenda, the reports and other relevant documents.

**8.18** Deadlines to be counted from the day of the Electoral Congress:

- One hundred and twenty days (120) prior, EWF shall send invitations to the Member Federations and calls for candidatures.
- Sixty (60) days prior: Candidates must be received by the EWF from the Members Federations.
- Thirty (30) days prior: the EWF shall send to the Member Federations the list of candidates.

**11.12** Candidates for the Technical & Scientific Committee are required to have at least one of the following:

- Holder of an International Category One Technical Official License
- Holder of a Physical Education diploma or degree or the equivalent; or have appropriate experience in weightlifting coaching at international level.

**18.1** Election shall take place every four (4) years at the EWF Electoral Congress held prior to the European Senior Championships and Olympic Qualification Event.

**18.2** The order of the Election shall be as follows:

- \* The President
- \* The General Secretary
- \* The Treasurer
- \* The First (1st) Vice President
- \* The three (3) Vice Presidents
- \* The six (6) Executive Board Members
- \* The eight (8) members of the Technical & Scientific Committee
- \* The six (6) members of the Medical Committee
- \* Three (3) members of the Auditors Committee

**18.3** The term of office for elected officers shall be four (4) years. They shall serve until the commencement of the next Electoral Congress. Elected Officers shall be the citizen of the Member Federation which nominated them except for candidates defined under Article 17.6. The candidate must have been member of the Federation that proposes him/her for the last three (3) years, or subject to agreement between the two Federations concerned.

**18.4** Only Member Federations may propose candidates for the various EWF Committees.

**18.5** Nominations for the various positions must be made to the office of the EWF General Secretary, by registered letter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Congress.

**18.6** Retiring members are eligible for re-election, subject to being nominated by their respective Federations or in accordance with art. 8.1.5. of the IWF Constitution edition 2013. For the Continental elections, any members of the Executive Board or Committees with a minimum of 12 years' service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position on these bodies provided that his/her nomination is supported by minimum of 20% of the Member Federations of the European Weightlifting Federation. Proof of support by the Member Federations must be confirmed in writing and presented with the candidature.

**18.7** Two (2) candidates who are citizens of the same country, as evidenced by official documents issued by such country's authorities, cannot be elected to the same body (Executive Board or any of the Committees). If, arising from 8.1.5, two (2) candidates who are citizens of the same country are candidates to the Executive Board or to a Committee, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected. The candidate with the lower number of votes will be eliminated from the process.

**18.8** A person may be a candidate for a number of positions within the EWF but may only be elected to one (1) position. On being elected, the name of that person will be withdrawn from any further candidature list. Unsuccessful candidates are not automatically eligible for election to another position. Nominations must be made specifically for each position to be contested.

**18.9** Each Full Member is entitled to only one (1) vote.

**18.10** Elections are carried out by a secret ballot. When there is only one (1) candidate for a position the candidate shall be understood to be elected unless otherwise stated in the Constitution.

**18.11** To be valid, ballot papers shall carry votes for as many candidates as there are vacancies.

**18.12** Election is by simple majority, i.e. the person who has obtained the highest number of votes is elected.

**18.13** When two (2) or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, another ballot is held. If after the second

ballot there is still a tie, the President has the right to cast a deciding vote, or decide for further ballots.

**18.14** Unsuccessful candidates may run for election in other Committees; however, when two (2) or more citizens of the same country are candidates to a specific office, the Member Federation of that country must give its order of preference so that only one (1) of its candidates is listed on each ballot list (except 17.6).

**18.15** The election of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer is elected by majority. In the case of more than two (2) candidates, the candidates with the lowest number of votes will drop out in each round until two (2) candidates remain. The candidate obtaining the higher number of votes is elected.

**18.16** Election of 1st Vice President: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected.

**18.17** Election of three (3) Vice Presidents: The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number votes are elected.

**18.18** Election of Executive Board Members: The six (6) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

**18.19** The EWF encourages the presence of women within the bodies of the Federation. Therefore, if none of the people elected as President, General Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice President and Vice Presidents is a woman, the first of the six (6) Executive Board Member positions shall be attributed in preference to a woman. To that effect, only female candidatures shall be admitted to take part in a first round of vote regarding the first of the six (6) positions of the Executive Board. If there is only one (1) female candidate, such candidate shall be understood to be elected. If there is more than one (1) female candidates, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is no women candidate, then the position shall remain vacant.

**18.20** Election of Technical & Scientific Committee: The eight (8) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

**18.21** Election of Medical Committee: The six (6) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

**18.22** One position of the Technical & Scientific Committee and the Medical Committee shall be reserved for a woman candidate. The same principles as in Article

**18.19** Shall determine the election of this candidate.

**18.23** Election of Auditors Committee: The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

**18.24** In case two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for positions in the Executive Board or other EWF Committees, there shall be a second secret ballot. Should two or more candidates receive an equal

number of votes after the second ballot, a third ballot shall be held: If after a third secret ballot two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the position shall be determined by way of a random draw.

**18.25** The EWF President shall nominate three scrutinizers to distribute, collect and count the voting papers.

**18.26** At all elections, abstentions and blank or spoiled vote are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority

**20.18** With the exception of the EWF General Secretary and Assistant EWF General Secretary only one member from each country may be elected to the EWF Executive Board.